

## **OHRRedistricting**

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Representation should not be based upon party or an attempt to keep party faithful employed. While prevented by the Voting Rights Act for setting districts by race, there is a need to set districts by some common interest and to make them competitive. Ohio needs new thoughts and energies on the future of the state. Ohio needs congressional representation that works for the people and not the party and by districting without gerrymandering representatives become accountable to the people. When congressional representation is determined by how votes were cast, everybody loses. The guy who won the last election is feels secure and may not campaign vigorously. That is not the representation Ohio needs. Ohio needs congressmen and congresswomen who work for all the people, not just those who voted for them. No election should be safe for any congressional seat. Representatives should go to Washington and foster and create legislation to support their district, not the party.

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